

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The matter is being enquired into. The scheme will be ready next month.

Budget for new works in the Public Works Department.

282. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of money provided in the current year's budget for "New Works" in the Public Works Department; and

(b) the total amount spent during the current year on such "New works" up to the end of Edavom 1117?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (a) Rs. 5,84,470.

(b) Rs. 2,12,494.

Bridge on the Perrissery-Ala road.

283. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any wooden bridge on the Perrissery-Ala road at a place near Kottarathil House in Puliyoor pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk;

(b) the present condition of the above bridge; and

(c) how long this part of the road has been under Government maintenance?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (a) Yes.

(b) It is in a damaged condition.

(c) About 40 years.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know how long this bridge has been in a damaged condition?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: For about three or four years.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why no steps have been taken yet for repairing the damages?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: That road itself is only a village road with a maintenance grant of Rs. 30 per mile and the bridge is fit for pedestrians. We have made an estimate for the bridge.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any provision is included in the next year's budget for the purpose of improving this road and also for the construction of this bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason why?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The Advisory Board did not include that work.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable the Chief Engineer whether the Advisory Board has not recommended the inclusion of such a provision last year?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: They did not recommend last year.